

SIX BLUES ON INJURY LIST

WYCOMBE Wanderers' walking wounded travel to Southall tonight (Tuesday) in the Rothmans Isthmian League Division One with no less than six players suffering from injuries.

The Blues have had at least one player injured in each of their last three games and any further knocks tonight would seriously hinder their chances of victory over Bedford Town in Saturday's F.A. Cup first round clash at Loakes Park.

Latest additions to the injury list are forward Bruce Macrae and utility man Derek Cotterill. Macrae had to be carried off with a damaged ankle against Loughborough College on Thursday and Cotterill suf-

fered a bad knock on the shin at Leytonstone.

These two join John Maskell (thigh strain), Ray Eaton (elbow injury), John Delaney (thigh strain) and Geoff Anthony (hamstring), who are all suffering at the moment. Eaton's injury is more serious than first thought. He dislocated his elbow against Clapton a week ago but the joint was put back in Wycombe General Hospital. However, it now appears a bone was chipped in the elbow which means Ray will almost definitely miss Saturday's Cup tie.

Just what team Wanderers will field at Southall will not be decided until shortly before kick off time. Even Manager Brian Lee is not sure of which

players will be fit. Team changes seem inevitable and the game will test Wycombe's resources to the limit.

Facing them at Western Road is a Southall side that has struggled a little in the league so far and occupy a lowly position due mainly to a series of cup commitments. They have only played 13 matches this season compared to Hendon's 22.

Their record, in fact, is not a bad one and they have notched four victories this term in Division One, beating Staines, Woking, Kingstonian and Clapton. Latest result was a 2-1 win at Clapton on Saturday. Knowles and Devonshire scored the goals.

Loakes Park fans have seen Devonshire in action this season when he played for the Rest of the League team against Wycombe. He looked a useful player and one who will need careful attention.

Southall, promoted with Staines from Division Two last season, have kept the bulk of their squad together and added three or four new players. In the F.A. Cup this season they reached the fourth qualifying round, beating Dulwich Hamlet on the way after a replay.

All in all, they could present Wanderers with a difficult task tonight — a task the Blues will hardly be relishing before Saturday's vital cup tie with Bedford.